

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9 (Currently Amended). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for a the protein, variant or fragment ~~in accordance with~~ of claim 13.

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled)

D1. 13 (Currently Amended). An isolated polypeptide, ~~comprising~~ which comprises:

(a) a protein encoded by a strand of a full length cDNA having the sequence of

(i) a naturally occurring polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3,

(ii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide having at least 70% identity with a naturally occurring polynucleotide of (i) and, in naturally occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, or

(iii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under moderately stringent conditions to a naturally-occurring polynucleotide of (i) or (ii) and, in naturally-occurring neural

cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress;

(b) a variant of (a) which has an amino acid sequence having at least 70% identity to said protein of (a) and retains the biological activity thereof; or

(c) ~~a fragment of (a) or (b) which retains the biological activity thereof; or~~

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which consists of:

(d) a fragment of (a) or (b) which retains the biological activity thereof; or

(e) a functional derivative or salt of (d).

14 (Previously Added). An isolated polypeptide in accordance with claim 13, wherein the protein of (a) has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

15 (New). An isolated polypeptide in accordance with claim 13, wherein the naturally occurring polypeptide of (a) (i) has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

16 (New). An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4.

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17 (New). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for the polypeptide of claim 16.
